

Mission street and in a moment had burned through the roof. The Metropolitan Opera company from New York had just opened its season there and all the expensive scenery and costumes were soon reduced to ashes.

FLAMES LEAP ON.

From the opera-house the fire leaped from building to building, quickly leveling them. The Call editorial and mechanical departments were totally destroyed in a few minutes and the flames leaped across Stevenson street toward the fine fifteen story stone and iron Claus Spreckels building, which, with its lofty dome is the most notable edifice in San Francisco. Two small wooden buildings furnished fuel to ignite the splendid pile. Thousands of people watched the hungry tongues of flame licking the stone walls.

TERRIBLE SPECTACLE.

At first no impression was made but suddenly there was a cracking of glass and an entrance was effected. The interior furnishings of the fourth floor were the first to go. Then, as though by magic, smoke issued from the top of the dome. This was followed by a most spectacular illumination. The round windows of the dome showed like so many full moons; they burst and gave vent to long, waving streams of flame.

BUILDING GUTTED.

The great structure which had withstood the forces of the earth, appeared doomed to fall a prey to fire. After a while, however, the light grew less intense and the flames, finding nothing more to consume, gradually went out, leaving the building standing, but completely gutted.

PALACE HOTEL THREATENED.

The Palace hotel, which was constantly threatened, was the scene of much excitement, the guests leaving in haste, many with only the clothing they wore. Finding that the hotel, being surrounded on all sides by streets, was likely to remain immune, many returned and made arrangements for the removal of their belongings, though little could be taken away, owing to the utter absence of transportation facilities. PARROTT BUILDING RUINED. The Parrott building, in which were located the chambers of the Supreme court, the lower floors being devoted to an immense department store, was ruined, though its massive walls were not all destroyed. A little further down Market street the Academy of Sciences, the Flood building and the History building, which burned like so much tinder.

SWEEPS TO THE BAY.

Sparks carried across the wide street ignited the Phelan building, and the army headquarters of the Department of California were burned. Still nearer the bay, the waters of which did the firemen good service along the docks, the fire took the Rialto building, a handsome skyscraper, and converted scores of solid business blocks into smoldering piles of bricks.

FIRE-PROOF WORTHLESS.

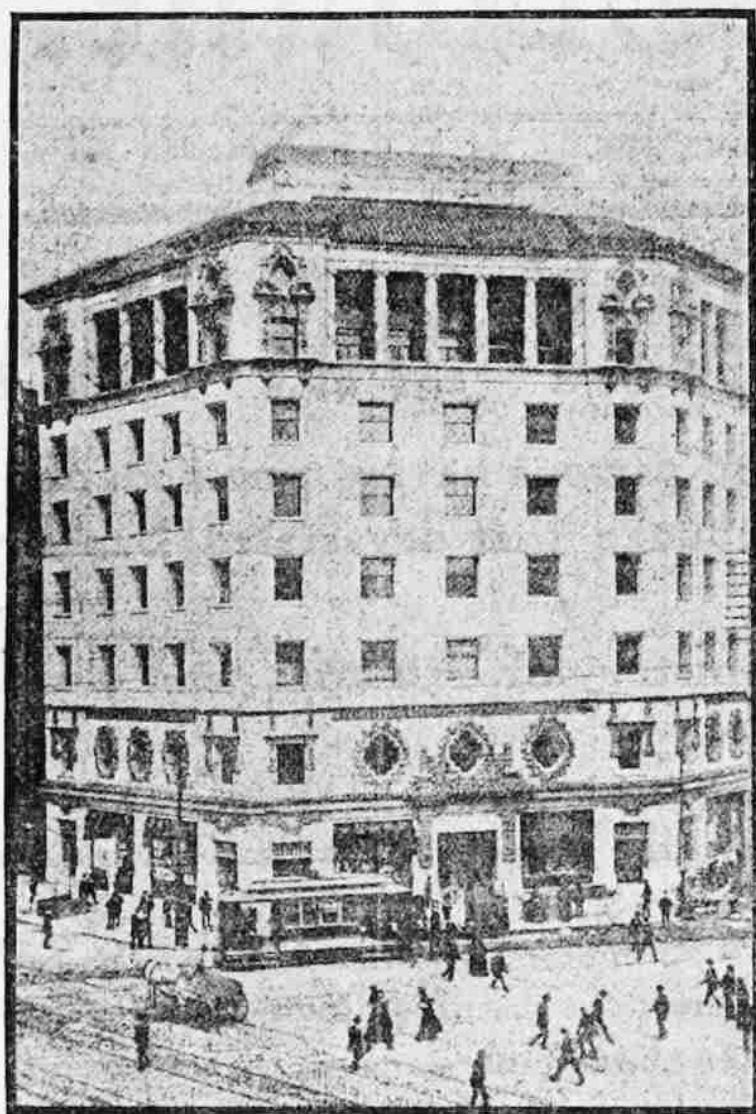
Banks and commercial houses supposed to be fire-proof, though not of modern build, burned quickly, and the roar of flames could be heard even on the hills which were out of the danger zone. Here many thousands of people congregated and witnessed the awful scene. Great masses of flames rose high in the heavens or rushed down some narrow street, joining midway between the sidewalks and making a horizontal chimney of the former passage ways.

PALL OF SMOKE ENVELOPS.

The dense smoke that arose from the entire business district spread out like an immense funnel and could have been seen for miles out at sea. Occasionally, as some drug house or place stored with chemicals was reached, most fantastic effects were produced by the colored flames and smoke which rolled out against the darker background.

STANFORD RUINED.

By Strange Freak Berkeley College Escapes. OAKLAND, April 18.—The latest reports from Leland Stanford university indicate that the magnificent stone buildings of that institution have suffered severe damage. Many of the buildings were ruined by cracks that split them from cornice to foundation. The loss will reach tens of thousands. Berkeley Escapes. The University of California at Berkeley, by some remarkable freak, escaped serious damage. The buildings are practically intact. Only a few structures collapsed in Berkeley, the earthquake shock being slight there.



THE EXAMINER BUILDING—Collapsed Wednesday Afternoon.

PARTIAL LIST OF THOSE WHO DIED FINE BUILDINGS NOW IN RUINS

Some Perished in Their Beds, Terrible Force of Shock, Combined With Fire, Did Others While Fleeing for Safety. Awful Work.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—Following is a partial list of the dead:
ANNIE WHEELAN, killed while asleep in her bed at home, 2782 Sacramento street.
UNKNOWN FATHER AND SON, living at 157 Langdon street, killed under a falling wall.
MYRTLE MINZE, 234 Langdon street, killed under caving wall.
—BAKER, Second and Stevenson streets.
W. KORNFIELD, 12 years old, 334 1/2 Folson street.
WILLIAM VAIL, 4 years old, 280 Stevenson street.
ANNA WEBSTER, 14 Williams street.
WILLIAM GUELLIMAN, 110 Eddy street.
JOHN THURLEY, fish market, Montgomery and Sacramento streets.
GERONIMO STAGMAN, 518 Merchant street.
LILLIP BUSAALACHI, fish market, Minna street.
LOUIS PALADINI, Montgomery and Merchant streets.
MRS. HART DRUMM.
MAX FENNER, policeman, killed at entrance of City hall.
BUNNOR SR., killed at City hall.
—KING, 529 Mission street.
SAKE ISHIDA, 40 Stevenson street.
T. LACRAMANDA, 47 Stevenson street.
F. MAYIKAI, 423 Stevenson street.
MRS. IDA HESLIP, Geary and Stockton streets.
DR. STINSON, a well-known young physician, killed in his room on the eighth floor of the California hotel.
OTTO SETTNER, 16 years old, of 1234 Pierce street, pushed into the room of his father when the awful shock came, and shouted, "Oh, papa, I am dying." The child fell dead in his father's arms.

Unknown Dead.

THREE CHINESE.
TWO UNKNOWN WHITE WOMEN.
UNKNOWN WHITE MAN, sailor.
UNKNOWN MAN, Hayes and Polk streets.
UNKNOWN MAN, Wilcox house.
FRANK BURGE, native of England, 65 years old, killed by walls falling upon him at 233 Geary street.
MRS. MCCANN, Third street.
ADOLPH AND AMELIA SCHWINNET, husband and wife, Geary and Howard streets.
WILLIE CARR, 1574 Ellis street.
PERRY BRODERICK, Valencia hotel.
MRS. LENA C. POWDER, relative of Policeman McIntyre.
—MCKENZIE, 11 Haight street.
M. A. HUSTEL, 231 Sutter street.
—GEY, Sixteenth and Folson streets.
WILLIAM KNOWE, injured by falling wall and died at Mechanics pavilion.
PETER LIND, Western Meat company.
UNKNOWN BABY, died at Mechanics pavilion.
UNKNOWN WHITE MAN, Front and Vallejo streets.
TWO UNKNOWN MEN, Valencia hotel.
UNKNOWN WOMAN, 55 years old, Sixth and Folson streets.
UNKNOWN MAN, 222 Sacramento street.
UNKNOWN MAN, Sixth and Shipley streets.

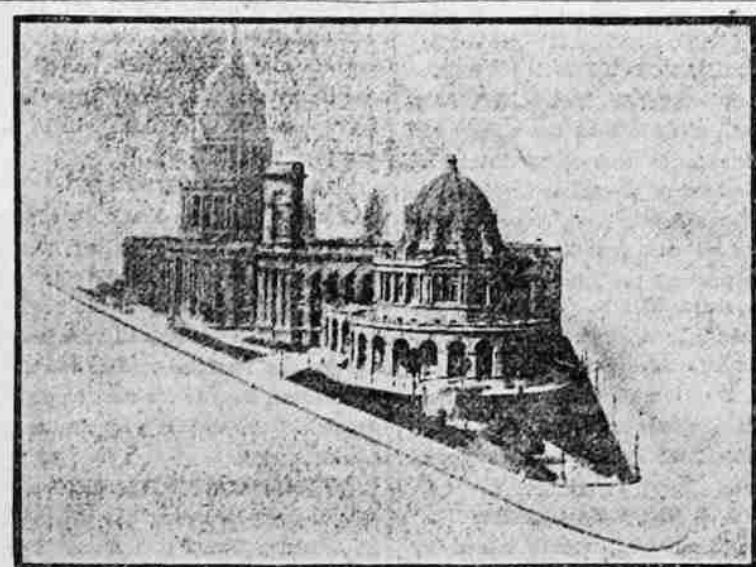
SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—Following is an incomplete list of the principal buildings destroyed or damaged:
CALL BUILDING, entirely destroyed.
CLAUS SPRECKELS BUILDING, gutted by flames.
HEARST BUILDING, collapsed.
NEW CHRONICLE BUILDING, badly damaged at all.
THE WHITE HOUSE, walls badly cracked; all plate glass windows gone. Every piece of stock in building removed before 9:30 a. m.
WINCHESTER HOTEL, Third street; totally destroyed.
GRAND OPERA HOUSE, entirely destroyed.
CLAUS SPRECKELS HOUSE and stables on Van Ness avenue, badly damaged.
ST. LUKE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Van Ness avenue; will have to be pulled down.
MECHANICS' LIBRARY BUILDING, Post street; cornice fell; building slightly damaged.
CROCKER BUILDING, Market and Montgomery streets; walls and rear largely caved in.
UPHAM BUILDING, Pine and Battery; totally destroyed; loss \$500,000.
FIRE HOUSE, adjoining California hotel on Bush street; Chief Sullivan and wife, sleeping in engine house, severely injured by bricks crashing through the roof from above.
CALIFORNIA HOTEL, Bush street; upper walls collapsed and upper floors wrecked.
The building in course of construction to be occupied by the Hamman baths will have to be rebuilt. It is located on Post street, near the Olympic club. The walls are badly warped and twisted and the roof has fallen in.
SAN FRANCISCO GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY'S Post street plant, slightly damaged.
ST. FRANCIS HOTEL, exterior slightly cracked and seamed but not seriously damaged.
PACIFIC UNION CLUB, Post and Stockton streets; front damaged and fire in rear wall.
ST. DOMINIC'S CHURCH on Pierce street, total loss. The interior of this church is wrecked and there are large fissures in the walls. The structure will have to be pulled down. The parochial house in the same block is a partial wreck. Loss to the parish about \$500,000.
The ornamental top on St. Dunstan's, on business avenue has several fissures in the side, and rebuilding will be necessary.
THE CONCORDIA CLUB BUILDING on business avenue, badly damaged.
THE HOTEL GRANA, badly damaged.

Sylvester Q. Cannon Safe.

A message was received last night from Sylvester Q. Cannon, who is in Sacramento, announcing that he had escaped the awful disaster in San Francisco. His family and friends here were much worried about him.

New York Will Aid.

NEW YORK, April 18.—A special meeting of the New York Chamber of Commerce was called today for Friday to consider plans for the relief of the earthquake sufferers at San Francisco.



CITY HALL.

ENTIRE CITY IS PROBABLY DOOMED

No Efforts of Firemen Avail to Check Progress of Flames.

FIRE FIEND DEVASTATES THE RESIDENCE SECTION

List of the Dead, Dying and Wounded Is Growing With Every Hour.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—Earthquake and fire today and last night have put more than half of San Francisco in ruins. Hundreds of people have been killed, a thousand others injured and the property loss will exceed one hundred million dollars. Thousands of people are homeless and destitute, and all day long streams of people have been fleeing from the stricken district to places of safety.

Shock Was Prolonged.

It was 5:15 o'clock this morning when a terrible earthquake shook the whole city and surrounding country. One shock apparently lasted two minutes and there was almost immediate collapse of flimsy structures all over the city. The water supply was cut off, and when fires broke out in various sections there was nothing to do but to let the buildings burn. Telegraph and telephone communication was shut off for a time.

Only One Wire Out.

The Western Union was put completely out of business, and the Postal company was the only one that managed to get a wire out of the city. About 10 o'clock the Postal was forced to suspend in San Francisco. Electric power was stopped and street cars did not run. Railroads and ferryboats also ceased operations.

Firemen Powerless.

The various fires have been raging all day, and the fire department has been powerless to do anything except to dynamite the buildings threatened. All day long explosions have shaken the city and added to the terror of the inhabitants. Following the first shock there was another within five minutes, but not nearly so severe. Three hours later there was another slight quake.

Damage Widespread.

Reports from districts outside of San Francisco indicate widespread damage. San Jose, fifty miles south, lost many buildings, and from fifteen to twenty people were killed. The annex of the Vendome hotel collapsed and fires broke out. Stanford university and Palo Alto suffered. At Stanford many of the handsome buildings were demolished and two people were killed. One of them was Julius Robert Halls of Bradford, Pa., and the other was Otto Gurtz, a fireman.

Students Injured.

Six other students are lying in the Palo Alto hospital with bruises, cuts and internal injuries. These are Ross D. Howard of San Francisco, Henry L. Dearing of Santa Ana, Cal.;—Froill, Halbert R. Thomas of Los Angeles, Robert W. Westwick of Santa Barbara and W. H. Hastings of Portland, Or.

Other Towns Suffer.

The courthouse at Redwood City and other buildings collapsed. Menlo Park, Burlingame and other fashionable suburban towns suffered. Santa Rosa, to the north; Napa, Vallejo and all towns around the bay were damaged. These reports, alarming as they were, created little interest in San Francisco, where the people were in a frantic state. They did not stop to dress, but rushed out into the streets in their night garments.

Steel Buildings Stand.

Today's experience has been a testimonial to the modern steel building. A score of these structures were in course of erection, and not one of these suffered. The completed modern buildings were also immune from harm by earthquake. The buildings that collapsed were all flimsy wooden and old-fashioned brick structures. The damage by earthquake does not begin to compare with the loss by fire. The heart of the business section of San Francisco has been destroyed by fire. An area of thickly covered ground of eight square miles has been burned over, and there is no telling when the fire will be under control.

Tents for Homeless.

At a meeting of fifty citizens called by the Mayor it was announced that 140 tents would be pitched in Golden Gate park and arrangements had been made to feed the destitute in the public squares. A finance committee, with James D. Phelan at the head, was appointed, and Mayor Schmitz was instructed to issue drafts for all funds needed on this committee.

Mass Meeting Called.

A general meeting of the citizens committee has been called for tomorrow. It is probable, even with the spirit and willingness shown by the people of San Francisco, outside aid will be necessary. A message from President Roosevelt was received this morning, and it had a cheering effect.

Big District Burned.

The burned district extends from the water front south of Market street west to Eleventh street and north of Market. The fire extends out Hayes and McAllister streets nearly to Fillmore, and from the water front along Market to Montgomery and north from the water front to New Montgomery street. Manufacturing, hotels, wholesale houses and residences, comprising the principal part of the business section, have been destroyed.

City Hall Destroyed.

The City hall, a structure costing \$7,000,000, was first wrecked by the earthquake and then destroyed by fire. The Palace hotel, valued at \$3,000,000, also burned. The beautiful Claus Spreckels building at Third and Market streets was gutted. The Rialto building and dozens of other costly structures were also destroyed. The hall of justice is threatened and will undoubtedly go. The Examiner and the Call buildings are gone, and the Crocker building, across the street from the Palace hotel, is on fire. No afternoon papers were issued, and it is doubtful if the morning papers will appear. The Southern Pacific tracks are in such condition that only a crippled train service has been possible. The Chronicle building and its New street annex are still standing. The freaks of the earthquake were



LOTTA'S FOUNTAIN—Showing Palace Hotel.

many. Wide fissures were made in the streets, street railways were twisted out of line, sewers and water pipes were burst, and it is feared that there will be an epidemic of disease. Provisions are being sold at fancy prices, and even water is being vendored by the glass. It is impossible to give a list of the dead and wounded, or even a list of the principal buildings destroyed.

Statement of Mayor.

At a meeting of the committee of safety today, Mayor Schmitz issued the following proclamation: "To the Citizens of San Francisco.—The Federal troops which are now policing a portion of the city, as well as the regular and special members of the police force, have been authorized by me to kill any persons who may be found engaged in looting the effects of any citizen or otherwise engaged in the commission of crime."

Danger of Fire.

"Under these circumstances, I request all citizens whose business does not imperatively require their absence from home after dark to remain at home during the night until order shall have been restored. I beg to warn all citizens of the danger of fire on account of defective or destroyed chimneys, gas pipes, gas fixtures and the like.—E. E. Schmitz, Mayor."

Flames Unchecked.

At 5 o'clock tonight the firemen were as far as ever from checking the progress of the flames. In the northern section of the downtown business section the fire swept around the Hall of Justice and communicated to Chinatown, thence proceeding westward into the heart of that colony. It then began rapidly eating its way southward on both sides of Kearney street, and at this writing 3 p. m. was within a block of the California hotel. This point is in the direct vicinity of the plant of the Bulfinch, an evening publication, in which the three morning papers had agreed to issue jointly a four-sheet paper tomorrow, but that plan was abandoned. About 5 o'clock tonight the world-famous Palace hotel fell a prey to the conflagration, and the Crocker building, across the street, began emitting smoke.

Great College Doomed.

One of the big losses of the day was the destruction of St. Ignatius' church and college, at Van Ness avenue and Hayes street. This was the greatest Jesuitical institution in the West, and was built at a cost of a couple of millions. At 7 o'clock tonight the fire had swept from the south side of the town across Market street into the district called the

Firemen Fight in Vain.

On the north side the fire tonight was not making such rapid progress in the Western addition, where there is a limited water supply available, and the firemen are making desperate efforts to prevent the encroachments of the devastation. Temporary headquarters were established in tents in Portsmouth square this evening for Mayor Schmitz, Chief of Police Dignan and Gen. Funston, but this site became too dangerous about 8 o'clock and was abandoned. Later the flames swept the square.

Hospital in Ashes.

In the south side district, on Rincon Hill, St. Mary's hospital, a landmark conducted by the Sisters of Mercy, was reduced to ashes. Throughout the city wherever there is a public square a scene of desolation is presented. Tents have been pitched by the fortunate possessors of canvas, but the majority of the homeless are huddled in frightened groups about the household belongings they managed to save from the general ruin.

Palace Hotel Goes.

All efforts to prevent the fire from reaching the Palace and Grand hotels were unsuccessful, and both were completely destroyed, together with all their contents.

All of San Francisco's best playhouses, including the Majestic, Columbia, Orpheum and Grand Opera House, are a mass of ruins. The earthquake demolished them for all practical purposes, and the fire completed the work of destruction. The handsome Rialto and Crocker buildings were burned to the ground, as was everything in that district. The scene at the Mechanics pavilion during the early hours of the morning and up until noon, when all the injured and dead were removed because of the threatened destruction of the building by fire, was one of indescribable sadness. Sisters, brothers, wives and sweethearts searched eagerly for some missing dear one.

Looking for Dear Ones.

Thousands of persons hurriedly went through the building inspecting the coils on which the sufferers lay, in the hope that they would find some loved one that

SMOKING RUINS IN PLACE OF BEAUTY

Havoc Wrought by Fire Even More Terrible Than by Shock.

STRONG WIND HELPS THE FLAMES TO SPREAD

Thousands Flee From City Seeking Shelter and Protection of Life.

was missing. The dead were placed one portion of the building and the remainder was devoted to hospital purposes.

Crowds Follow Nurses.

After the fire forced the nurses and physicians to desert the building, eager crowds followed them to the hospital and the children's hospital, where they renewed their search for missing relatives.

Hundreds of Injured.

Up to late this afternoon more than 250 persons who were seriously injured by the earthquake and the fire had been treated at the various hospitals throughout the city.

The front of the Bailey and Lane building on Clay street near Montgomery, fell in, killing three men.

Began Rescue Work.

The stereotypers and pressmen of Examiner and the Call, as soon as the shock was felt, rushed out of their buildings and found a coffee house at Stevenson and Third street had collapsed. They immediately set to work with axes and anything in the way of an implement with which they could provide themselves to rescue those inside.

Great Pillars Twisted.

From Golden Gate park came news of the total destruction of the immense building covering a portion of the city, the play ground. The walls are shattered and the roof has fallen. The pillars of the new stone gate at the park entrances are twisted and torn by their foundations. Some of them, weighing nearly four tons each, were shifted about twenty feet from their original position.

Dewey Monument Moved.

In Union Square park, where a number of the homeless are now being given temporary shelter, the mighty Dewey monument has been shifted from its base, now stands leading at an angle of 45 degrees, and there is danger of the immense stone structure falling.

Thousands Leave City.

This afternoon the ferry boats running from Oakland, and tonight to San Francisco, are crowded with people who are leaving the city and are seeking shelter in Oakland and other suburbs. The fire and the earthquake have made the city a place of horror and despair. The residents of the poorer section of the city, including the Chinese, Japanese and Latin quarters, have been rendered homeless, and unless supplies and aid reach this city within twenty-four hours starvation will add to the awful calamity.

Landmarks Wiped Out.

Nearly every famous landmark that made San Francisco famous over the whole world has been laid in ruins, burned to the ground in the dire catastrophe. Now, the fate of a few of the best known landmarks.

Three Miles Burned.

For three miles along the water front buildings have been swept clean, and the blackened beams and great masses of rubble and debris stand out against a background of smoke that is slowly spreading over the city. The whole commercial and business section of the city is a mass of ruins. Market street from the ferry building to the north end of the city is a scene of utter desolation. The whole of the city is a scene of fire and smoke.

Flames on North Side.

At 2 o'clock, despite the heroic work of the firemen and the troops of dynamite who razed buildings after buildings, new up property valued at millions of dollars, the fire was still burning on the north side and swept up Market street practically to Washington street. Along Montgomery street the fire was burning in the heart of the city, and the flames were reaching the water front.

Nothing Can Check Fire.

The flames were kept confined to the south of Market street in the business section until about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when the wind carried the flames into the richest part of the city. The fire was now burning in the heart of the city, and the flames were reaching the water front.

Big Hotels Destroyed.

The earthquake caused the wreck of California hotel on Bush street, and the falling chimney and the house adjoining, severely injuring Chief Sullivan, so that he was unable to direct the work of fire fighting now in a hospital in a precarious position.

Firemen Lose Lives.

Despite this disheartening accident, the fire department, assisted by the Oakland department and many volunteers from outside the districts, did not waver. Many brave men losing their lives while performing the work of succoring the victims. However, had broken the water main and the men were out water to battle with the fire. Whatever water was obtained to the flames in the harbor front and the factory district, was pumped from the bay. This compelled dynamiting, the only possible method of saving any city.

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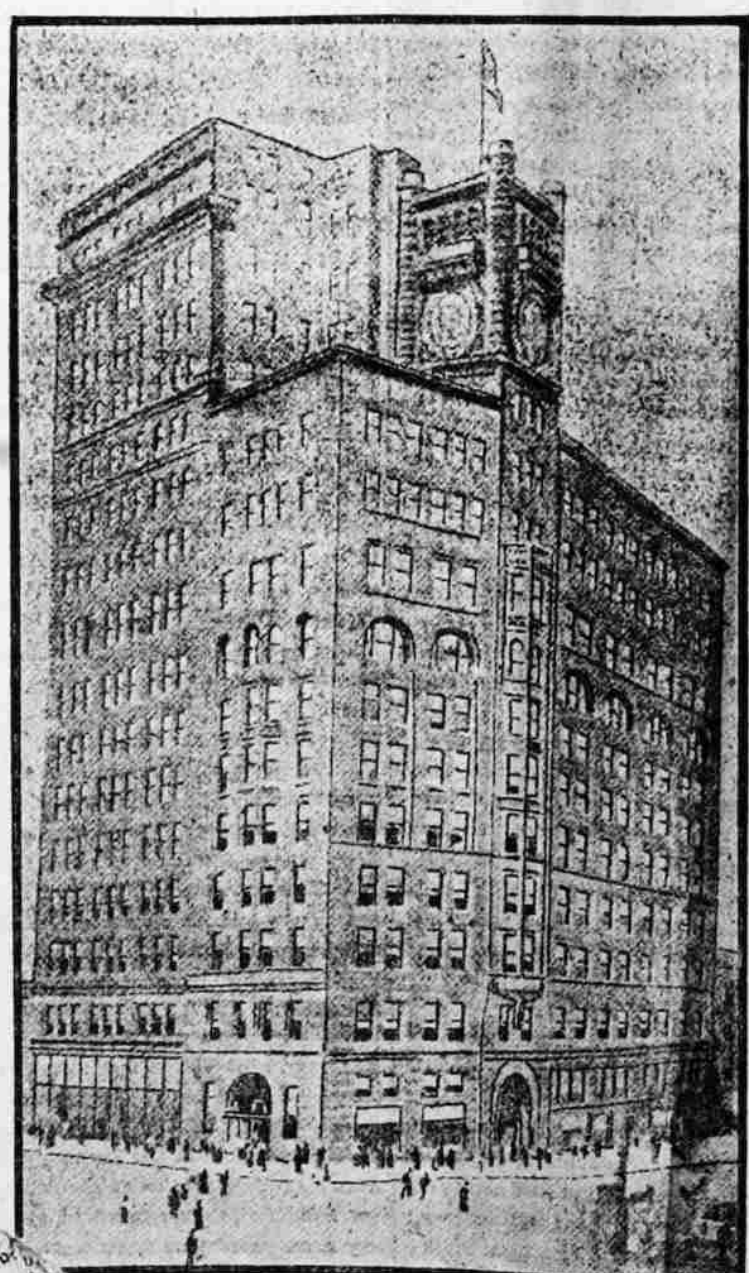
LOS ANGELES, April 18.—At San Jose the Vendome hotel annex was wrecked and ten or fifteen persons were killed. The Doherty block was burned and one woman killed. Dr. Krow was killed and his wife injured. Every business building demolished. Market street has been closed and the militia and 500 men are guarding the streets.

Probably Fifty Killed.

It is estimated that fifty people have been killed. The postoffice was demolished and the courthouse and Passengers arriving from other parts of California bring tales of death and grief from Santa Cruz, Monterey, and Hollister.

Santa Rosa Destroyed.

The death list at Santa Rosa is reported as large. Santa Rosa is a wreck, and the loss of life will probably reach dozens. Main street is piled massed with fallen buildings. Not a new building is left intact. The story courthouse is a pile of broken stones, destroyed by fire. Citizens the roofs and walls of the city destroyed by the earthquake.



ICE BUILDING—Only Newspaper Building Left Standing.